

RESPONSE TO THE REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3, 17 and 21 Were Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) Over Schuler.

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims or the amending of those claims to depend from claims previously rejected under only the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-15, 17-19 and 21-22 Were Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 103 As Unpatentable Over Murata in View of Schuler

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Claims 1-35 Were Rejected Under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

This rejection has been overcome by the filing herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,827,614. All original claims not otherwise rejected on prior art (Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 16, 20 and 23-35) are therefore patentable.

The Patentability of New Claims 36-41

These new claims depend from claims that were previously rejected under only the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting. As those claims are now allowable and all new claims depend from the presumptively allowable claims, all new claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is courteously requested to call the attorney of record for a telephone interview to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

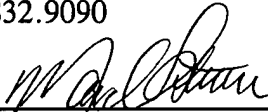
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